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Department's Re-Entry Hotline a Success

By Lisa Lamb

DOC Director of Communications

Nearly 18 months ago the Kentucky Department of Corrections implemented an innovative "Re-entry Hotline," the first such program of its kind in the history of the department.

The hotline was the brainchild of former DOC Commissioner John D. Rees. The numbers show it is clearly a success.

The Hotline has received nearly 4,000 calls since its launch and is reporting a substantial increase on a monthly basis in calls. In the first month of operation, August 2007, 197 calls were reported to the toll-free number. In June 2008, that number had nearly doubled – 383 to be exact.

The hotline is manned by people who know exactly the kind of information callers are looking for: former inmates and graduates of the Depart-

ment's substance abuse program at Roederer Correctional Complex.

Thirteen trained inmates at RCC man the phone lines in the program that is funded through a grant DOC secured from the U.S. Justice Department. These inmates are "Resource Specialists" and they utilize the same resource manual used by the Probation and Parole Officers throughout the state, as well as the same resource guide used by the Community Mental health agencies statewide.

These Resource Specialists provide a variety of information to callers like workforce development information, treatment referrals, and faith based/community program referrals, for example. Inmates are selected only after interviewing for the positions and exhibiting appropriate role modeling, leadership skills and successful behavior throughout their tenure in the sub-

Ky DOC Re-Entry Hotline is vying for "Innovations in American Government" award - Kentucky is a semi-finalist; only 15% of applicants make it this far!

stance abuse program.

The federal grant also helped pay for cards and posters to publicize the Re-Entry Hotline. Cards are distributed to all inmates upon release and the materials were also placed in state Probation & Parole offices as one way former offenders could become aware of the toll-free number and service.

The calls received can stay anonymous and only the caller's zip code is requested. The resources given are based solely on the caller's zip code and services that are available in that area. The phone is answered 24 hours a day,

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KCI: DOC's Workhorse That We All Depend On

By Lisa Lamb

DOC Director of Communications

Kentucky Correctional Industries (KCI) is an integral part of not only our Department, but several agencies across the Commonwealth that depend on its valued services and products.

"KCI is a part of Corrections that many of us rely upon," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson. "For every special project the Department is involved in, it is KCI that steps up to the plate and goes above and beyond to get the

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DOC Presents Annual Awards

By Lisa Lamb

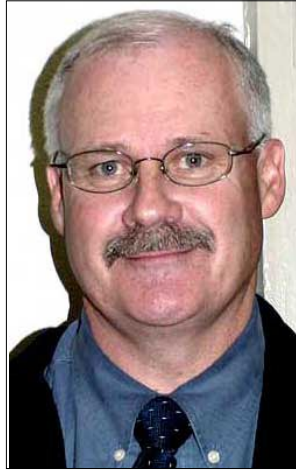
Director of Communications

Just when you thought last year's attendance couldn't be topped - we did! Almost 500 people (499 was the final count!) attended the Department of Corrections Annual Awards Luncheon.

The award's banquet is held annually as part of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD) Conference and even though this year's conference was a solo event (and not held in conjunction with a national conference as the previous two years), it certainly didn't hurt attendance for the DOC Awards Luncheon or the conference.

Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham was presented the 2008 Lucille Hurt Robuck "Commitment to Corrections" Award.

2008 Warden and P&P Supervisor of the Year Honored



Kentucky State Penitentiary Warden Tom Simpson (left) was named the Department's "Warden of the Year" and Probation & Parole Sixth District Supervisor Warren Lambert received "Supervisor of the Year" honors at the 2008 awards banquet.

A more deserving candidate for the 2009 honor will be hard to find. Justice Cunningham has devoted his

entire career to the field of criminal justice and is a well known friend to the Department and a frequent visitor

to the western Kentucky institutions. He has authored six books, including the one he is best known for in this arena, "Castle, The Story of a Kentucky Prison," which chronicles the history of the Kentucky State Penitentiary beginning with its construction over 100 years ago.

Also honored at the awards ceremony was Tom Simpson, who was named "Warden of the Year." Simpson, a 28-year veteran of the Department, is warden at the Kentucky State Penitentiary.

Warren Lambert was named "Probation & Parole Supervisor of the Year." Lambert, an 11-year veteran of Corrections, was promoted to District 6 Supervisor in September 2004.

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Lending the Scouts a Hand ... and Some Talent!

The Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency donated the money for paint and supplies to Cub Scout Pack 333 for use to paint a mural on their new trailer. The scouts had worked for two years to save money to buy a trailer, which was stolen within a few weeks of purchase. Local donations and some extra work on the part of the boys allowed them to purchase the trailer painted at KSR. Inmate Keith Allgeier spent several weeks creating the mural. The inmates of the Veterans' Club at KSR learned the boys had also lost all items in the trailer, including tents, cooking items, etc. The Veterans' Club donated the money to have the mural sealed by the auto body shop. Inmates of the institution then generously donated \$314.81 to the boys to use for replacement items. Needless to say, the boys were thrilled and have received many, many compliments on the trailer.

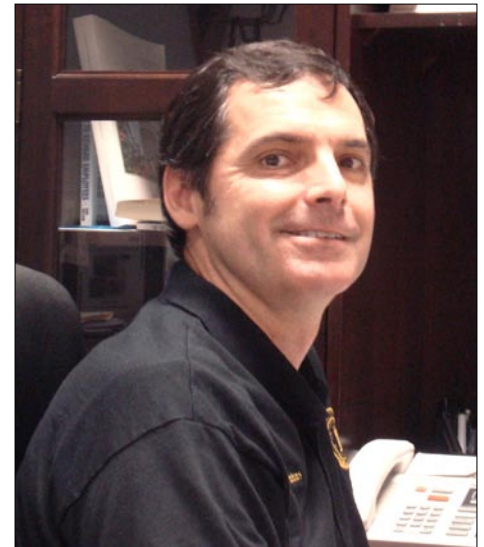
Commissioner's Award Winners



**Larry Chandler - Recently Retired
Warden, KSR**



**Johnathan G. Hall
OIS Administrator**



**Mark Robinson
Administrative Services Director**



**Debby Judd - Procedures Officer
Kentucky State Reformatory**



**Todd G. Woodward
Division of Probation & Parole
Professional Standards Administrator**



**Shannon Blalock
P&P Officer, District 1**

Photo Gallery

The Department of Corrections website, <http://www.corrections.ky.gov/>, now has a new section of interest to all employees called "Photo Gallery."

The section is located off of the home page, under "About Us," then "Photo Gallery" <http://www.corrections.ky.gov/about/Photo/>

Photos of events at your institution, your Probation & Parole district, your office – as long as they are corrections-related – can be sent in and posted.

Please send in your photos for review to Lisa Lamb at: lisa.lamb@ky.gov.

'Commitment to Corrections'



Kentucky Supreme Court Justice Bill Cunningham (center) was presented the Department's top award, the Lucille Hurt Robuck 'Commitment to Corrections' Award at the 2008 Annual Awards Banquet. Justice Cunningham is pictured above with Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson and Justice & Public Safety Cabinet Secretary J. Michael Brown. He received the honor in recognition of his 35 years of service to the field of criminal justice and his unwavering support of correctional leaders, line staff and the institutions.

A note of Appreciation ...

(The following is an excerpt from a letter Justice Bill Cunningham sent to Commissioner Thompson after he won the Department's top honor. It exemplifies why he was chosen.)

I cannot adequately express to you my appreciation for having been presented The Lucille Hurt Robuck Commitment to Corrections Award at your annual awards luncheon on September 3rd.

It was thrilling for me to be on the same program as all of the other honorees. These dedicated and committed employees of the Department of Corrections are in the trenches each and every day and certainly deserve due recognition.

Also, it is a wonderful thing to see just how much progress has been made in Kentucky Corrections during the past thirty years. You have been an integral part of this upward journey, and I commend and congratulate you and your staff.



Rave Reviews

KCIW Warden Cookie Crews (third singer, left to right) performed a "Kentucky Melody" in a quartet with fellow members of the Derby City Chorus, Tina Brown, Valinda Petri and Carol Bean.



2008 Rookie of the Year

KSP Mechanical Maintenance Superintendent Michael Hartigan was selected as the Department's "Rookie of the Year." Hartigan was extremely instrumental in supervising the upgrade of KSP's 60+ year-old water plant and in nominating him for the award, supervisors praised his motivation, maturity, professionalism, resourcefulness, and diplomacy.

Awards

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The "Rookie of the Year" award was presented to Michael Hartigan. Hartigan is the Maintenance Superintendent at Kentucky State Penitentiary.

The agency's top awards, called "Commissioner's Awards," were presented to:

Larry Chandler, recently retired warden of the Kentucky State

(A complete listing of the awards can be found on the DOC's website at www.corrections.ky.gov.)

Reformatory; Todd G. Woodward, Professional Standards Administrator, Division of Probation & Parole; Johnathan G. Hall, OIS Administrator, Central Office; Shannon Blalock, Probation & Parole Officer, District 1; Debbie Judd, Procedures Officer, Kentucky State Reformatory; and Mark Robinson, Director of Administrative Services for the Department.

What's Happening Around the State ...

Little Sandy Launches Dog Program

By Lisa Lamb
Director of Communications

The Kentucky Department of Corrections can now boast it has THREE prisons with dog programs: Little Sandy Correctional Complex has launched a program, very similar to "Death Row Dogs," a successful effort from Green River Correctional Complex in Central City.

The goal of the program is twofold: to work with the dogs, providing care, socialization skills and training that would make them suitable for adoption; and also to teach the inmates life skills that will assist them during incarceration and also upon release.

Little Sandy's Dog Program is a collaborative agreement between the prison and the Menifee County Humane Society. The Humane Society will choose the animals and instructors from the organization will work with the dog handlers on a weekly basis.

The first dogs arrived Oct. 1.

Prison staff select the inmate handlers, two per dog, and there are very strict requirements:

- At least 2 years to parole eligibility date or minimum expiration of sentence;
- No sex offenses or cruelty to animal convictions (current or prior);
- GED, high school diploma, or enrolled in school;
- At least 6 months clear conduct.

The dog program is a minimum of eight weeks and the inmate handlers are responsible for the dog 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The dogs live in the dorms with the inmates and the inmate is responsible for all areas of care for the animal from grooming to feeding, giving medicine if needed, and housebreaking.

All the inmate handlers must sign

a contract to participate in the program which outlines all the rules and requirements.

Training of the dogs is a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on work. The basic training includes housebreaking, feeding schedules, grooming, obedience and tricks. Two handlers per dog are needed so one inmate handler can care for the dog when the other handler is in the dining hall or medical, the only areas of the prison where the animal will not accompany the trainers.

In addition to the regular cleaning of their own dog's crate and individual grooming, the inmates will rotate cleaning of areas designated at Little Sandy specifically for the animals, called "The Grooming Room" and "Bark Park."

"It helps the inmates learn how to become "other" centered, thus giving something back to the community," said Warden Joe Meko. "The inmates will learn needed skills in order to help them get jobs when they are released. They also learn responsibility, patience, tolerance, as well as being good trainers with kindness and canine friendship."



Little Sandy Correctional Complex received its first two dogs on Oct. 1 from the Menifee County Humane Society: Bonnie, a Border Collie mix, and Andy, a Rottweiler mix. Diane McGuire of the Menifee County Humane Society is assisting the prison staff with the program. LSCC Unit Director Terry Hall is overseeing the program. Hall, David Green, and LSCC Warden Joe Meko, (center) are pictured at right with the dogs.

The Kentucky State Reformatory has also launched a dog program and Blackburn Correctional Complex is in the early stages of planning a program. More about those in the next issue!

It won't just be the inmate handlers who have contact with the dogs. The handlers are told to socialize the animals in the common areas of the prison, and allow them to interact with staff and other inmates.

At the conclusion of the eight-week program, the dogs are presented back to the Humane Society and there is an "Adopter Presentation" program – hopefully, for each dog. The inmate handlers are instructed to prepare a packet of information about their dog to present to the family or individual adopting the

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KCI

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work done – whether it is our annual KCCD conference, our awards banquet, our KECC campaign ... whatever the project may be, they get it done. We appreciate their extra efforts and I thank them for their dedication.”

Recently KCI held an “Open House” - a three-day event Oct. 16- 18 – to remind former customers and inform the general public of what’s offered. According to KCI Director Tom Cannady, the sale was a great success because of new contacts made with the general public.

“We heard many comments from people that had always wanted to stop, but had not taken the time before we had this sale,” said Cannady. “We had some folks drop by after the event to see what we have to offer because friends that attended the event told them to check it out. We cleared out a lot of old inventory and made over \$16,000 for the entire sale event - not a huge sum, but more than we had before.”

Cannady said KCI officials want to plan more events like the three-day sale with the most likely date for the next event as soon as May 2009. The main purpose of the sale, to better acquaint the general public with just what KCI has to offer, was definitely accomplished.

Kentucky Correctional Industries currently employs approximately 650 inmates in 26 plants and four farming operations located within prisons across the Commonwealth. KCI’s mission is to provide inmates with a realistic work experience and teach them marketable skills to help improve their chances for securing gainful employment upon release.

“Traditionally 85% of KCI’s custom-



Above: Jean Hutcherson and Missy Gaines, Kentucky Retirement Systems’ employees, browsed through the merchandise on display during the three-day sales event at Kentucky Correctional Industries showroom on Leestown Road in Frankfort. The event was held to boost awareness of the services and products offered by KCI. At right: K.C. Adams, head of the KCI embroidery plant at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex, worked on getting a logo just right. As part of the event, embroidery work was done on purchased apparel or on items brought in.



ers have been state agencies. With the current budget realities the Commonwealth is facing, that customer base has been severely reduced jeopardizing this organization’s ability to operate in a self sustaining capacity,” said Cannady.

“Since we receive no appropriated

tax monies and generate all operating funds and expansion capital from our industry profits, we are looking at ways to generate additional income, increase awareness of our products and services and promote the mission of Kentucky Correctional Industries.”



For a Good GREAT Cause!

Seeing is Believing! And our Eastern Kentucky Wardens have certainly proven they have other skills other than correctional leadership – especially when it is for a good cause. Little Sandy's Joe Meko and Eastern's John Motley participated in the first-ever "Celebrity Waiter Dinner" to benefit Sarah's Place, a local non-profit resource center that provides services such as day care, after school care and summer programs for children. The center also works to provide meals and clothing and a host of other services to the impoverished. The Celebrity Waiter event had well-known people from the community (like Wardens Meko and Motley) serving as waiters and guests asked their waiters to 'perform' for a tip! According to those in attendance (and it appears the photos confirm it) Meko and Motley did some group line dancing to Y-M-C-A, sang with a karaoke machine and apparently even brought out a hula hoop (darn, no photo of that one!). The event raised over \$7,000 for Sarah's Place!



Dog

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dog with any information they feel is relevant about the animal for its new home.

"This is usually one of the most gratifying experiences you can imagine and sometimes not for the reason you think," said Deputy Commissioner Al Parke.

"Yes, it is a great thing, the animal's life has been spared and now it has been trained and adopted by a loving family ... but often, during the course of that eight weeks, something else happens.

The inmate has also transformed, if maybe just a little, and learned things he might never have learned because he's had something to care for and care about."



Little Sandy Correctional Complex has officially launched a dog program with the arrival of Bonnie, a Border Collie mix, and Andy, a Rottweiler mix from the Menifee County Humane Society. LSCC Unit Director Terry Hall (who is overseeing the program) and David Green are shown above with the dogs.

Love for the Profession, Optimism Keys to Success

The last edition of "Inside Corrections" featured a new column entitled, "The Prison Wire."

Former Warden Larry Chandler authored the first article and his words of wisdom expressed the challenges correctional professionals face in managing our ever-increasing populations while staying safe and creative.

I am frequently amazed at how experienced and dedicated administrators, such as Mr. Chandler, manage to keep the momentum and sound judgment so evident in their daily operations. The constant budget crisis, the difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff, the ease of becoming complacent, the fast pace of the technologies around us, the socially changing workforce, and the weight of ensuring our departmental mission is successfully carried out, are huge challenges each of us deal with everyday.

These challenges demonstrate that we must keep



By Nancy Doom
Warden
Green River Correctional Complex

the hope alive in order to be successful for our public, our staff, and our inmates.

Hope and love for our profession are secrets to our success. Just as hope is a vital motivator for the inmate, correctional leaders use hope as a means of finding the will and the way to pursue a promising future.

Optimism, imagination, and enthusiasm are qualities that will help us overcome stress and frustration, and take us to new heights in the Department of Corrections. Love for our duties and responsibilities keeps our ability to stay committed, seek more knowledge, and work with others to get the job done.

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Advances in Technology Will Aide P&P Officers

Earlier this year a request for the purchase of portable automobile Global Positioning Systems (GPS) was proposed to Probation & Parole Director Lelia "Lee" VanHoose. The request was part of an effort to utilize available technology to assist officers with the supervision of offenders in the field. Director VanHoose approved and endorsed the request. The Department is currently working on the financial aspects of the request.

Probation & Parole Officers in District 6 have been approved to begin a pilot program for the use of GPS units once the Department is approved to make the purchase of the units. During the pilot program, officers will determine if the purchase and use of these units will be feasible for Probation & Parole offices state-wide.

GPS units are a very



From The Field



By Warren Lambert
P&P District 6
Supervisor

versatile tool and can be used by Probation & Parole Officers for a variety of tasks. Not only will these units assist in the field, but they will save officers valuable time and effort allowing them to spend more time dealing with other tasks. When it comes to conducting home visits and home placement investigations, Probation & Parole officers currently spend a considerable amount of time trying to find streets on paper maps or by looking up and printing out directions from Map Quest or other

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Local Arts Community Supports Prison's Theatre Group

By Louis Korfhage
GRCC Deputy Warden

Karen Willis, a local educator with 45 years of community theatre experience, submitted a proposal to offer a Theatre Arts program at Green River Correctional Complex for the benefit and participation of the inmates.

In the proposal, she wrote: "Arts have the power to Redeem." The proposal was approved and the "Inside Players" were formed. That was seven years ago.

The group has performed 11 plays now to date, including comedies, dramas, Shakespeare and original productions.

Willis also conducts classes with the men. Classes cover topics like: Theatre Art History, Performance, public speaking, and stagecraft.

The "Inside Players" have garnered honors and have been featured at the Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC) twice.

Although usually inmate-

driven, several shows have featured guest artists and prison personnel. Selected performances are open to the public and are attended by arts patrons and local, county and state officials.

The next production of Inside Players is tentatively scheduled for January 2009.

Prison Wire

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This year and well into the next, we will see hundreds of experienced employees retire from the Department. Those of us who remain to continue the mission will experience sadness, happiness, fear and worry.

The reality of this situation is that we will have our greatest opportunity to grow and develop. The best leaders and workers seek to learn more about themselves and their jobs in order to become all they can be.

The normal daily hurdles coupled with the changing employee workforce are advancement occasions. I am not referring to simply financial prospects, but the huge chance to expand our personal and professional boundaries.

Correctional professionals need

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Nancy Doom

Warden

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adversities to strengthen our courage and move progressively and safely into the future. Use your heart, your hope and your enthusiasm to continue the astounding record Kentucky has of working as a team to safely incarcerate and rehabilitate.

From the Field

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sites designated to find addresses on the computer.

Using these tools only shows you where a street can be located and not an actual address which can sometimes be very frustrating and waste valuable time. Use of portable auto GPS units will allow officers to simply plug in an address and hit "GO", the units will then advise, using voice commands and visible street maps, the shortest, fastest route to the exact address requested.

Another benefit of the GPS unit is that officers can plug in multiple planned home visits and the unit will give driving directions from a designated starting point and go from needed residence to residence eliminating back tracking that can occur when paper maps and Map Quest are relied on.

Portable GPS units can be utilized for reasons other than home visits and home placement investigations. They can be used by our specialized Sex Offender Officers to assist in determining if there are schools, parks, playgrounds, pools, churches or even day care centers in proximity too close to an offender's residence. The units will also aide staff in finding Courthouses and training sites outside of their normal working jurisdictions.

The use of this type of equipment is a testament to the Department of Corrections commitment and willingness to utilize technology to assist with the day-to-day duties of Probation & Parole Officers in the field.



'Waiting for Lefty' Cast and Guests

The cast and crew of "Waiting for Lefty" performed at GRCC on July 27, 2008. Standing in the front row from left to right: Karen Willis, Regional Theater Director, professional actress Mary Jane Bowles, State Representative Brent Yonts, and Warden Nancy Doom. Although productions are primarily inmate-driven several shows feature artists and prison personnel. The next performance of the "Inside Players" is tentatively slated for January. (See story on page 8)

Employee Recognition, News

Adkins Receives 'Woman of Distinction' Honor



Julie Adkins

Julie Adkins, a Probation & Parole Officer from District 3 in Bowl-

ing Green, was honored recently by the local newspaper.

She was selected by The Daily Times for the "2008 Her Story, Woman of Distinction" honor. Her biography and photo was featured in the newspaper along with 10 other recipients.

The newspaper honored the women with an awards ceremony and re-

ception.

Newspaper publisher Peter L. Mio said, "while reading the biographies of these women, I was most impressed with and gained a true respect for the sacrifices they have made.

"They clearly enjoy their work and all share a common desire to succeed on a professional level as well as becoming a role model for the community."



Hayden Promoted to Branch Manager over HIP/Re-entry

Wendy Hayden, former program administrator in the Contract Management Branch has been promoted to Branch Manager at Central Office. Hayden will oversee the Department's Home Incarceration and Re-entry Programs. Hayden is a five-year employee of the DOC and a previous intake counselor with Seven Counties Services in Louisville. She received her master's degree in education counseling psychology from University of Louisville.



Steve Turner

Turner Promoted in Probation & Parole

Steve Turner, former CTO for the Home Incarceration Program, has been named Deputy Compact Administrator in the Division of Probation & Parole.

During his DOC career, Turner has worked as a Correctional Officer and Classification and Treatment Officer. In his new role, he will serve as Deputy Compact Adminis-

trator - Probation and as DOC Coordinator for DNA Collection.

Turner replaces Victor Hack who began his service as a Federal Probation Officer on Oct. 13.

Crews, Briscoe named to SSCA Positions

Cookie Crews, warden at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women, has been elected to one of the Executive Officer positions for Southern States Correctional Association. She was elected Secretary of SSCA.

Bill Briscoe, deputy warden at Blackburn Correctional Complex was chosen as the Kentucky representative on the SSCA Board. He will fill Pat Bell's unexpired term on the Board due to Bell's impending retirement.



Cookie Crews



Bill Briscoe

Prestigiacom, Holloway Davis, Stonex Promoted

Among the recent promotions within the DOC is Gary Prestigiacom.

Prestigiacom was promoted to Deputy Warden of Frankfort Career Development Center in mid October.

Prestigiacom began his career in Corrections in 1980 as a Correctional Officer at the Kentucky State Reformatory



Prestigiacom

(KSR). In 1982 he was

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Employee Recognition, News

Tom Dailey Retires from DOC after 24-year Career



Tom Dailey

After a distinguished 24-year career with the Department of Corrections,

R. Thomas "Tom" Dailey will retire later this month from his post as warden of the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex.

Dailey has served as warden at Luther Luckett since June 2004. He officially retires from the position on Dec. 31.

He began his career in 1984 as a Correctional Officer at LLCC and was promoted to sergeant

at the prison three years later. He served as an internal affairs lieutenant, captain and then unit administrator at LLCC for the next 12 years, until his promotion to Deputy Warden at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women in March 2000.

"Tom Dailey is a veteran of this Department whose leadership will be missed.

He has always brought out the best in his employees with his staunch support of the difficult jobs they perform," said Corrections Commissioner LaDonna Thompson.

During his career, Dailey has served as co-commander and squad leader of LLCC's CERT squad.

Daily was named Employee of the Year

in 2001 at KCIW and at LLCC in 1996. He is a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, having served in the United States Army.

"I have had the privilege of working with and learning from some of the best people on earth," said Dailey. "I appreciate those contributions and I want to wish those I'm leaving behind in this profession the very best."

Chris Block Earns Doctorate Degree in Counseling Psychology

Christopher Block, an 18-year veteran of the Department of Corrections and Division of Mental Health, earned a doctorate in Counseling Psychology from the University of Louisville earlier this year.

His dissertation examined the impact of rural and urban residency, treatment motivation, and health status on retention in substance abuse treatment and its policy implications.

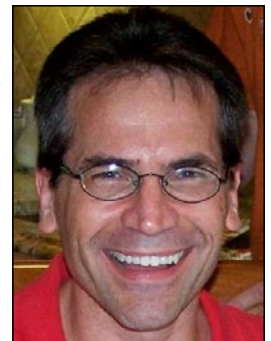
Block began his career in Corrections as an Offender Rehabilitation Specialist with the Sex Offender Treatment Program at the Kentucky State Reformatory. After completing his Master's degree in Clinical Psychology, he was promoted to Clinical Director of the Residential Substance

Abuse Program at KSR.

In 1999 he became the Department's first Program Administrator for institutional and community substance abuse programs throughout the state.

Since January 2005 Block has worked for the Sex Offender Risk Assessment Unit, whose task is to evaluate convicted sex offenders and assess their risk to recidivate.

Block has been married to his wife, Starr, for 22 years.



Chris Block



Act of Kindness Goes A Long Way ...

KCIW Officer Roy Smith took time out recently on his way to work to help a woman stranded on the Gene Snyder freeway. The commissioner's office learned of Officer Smith's actions when the husband of the woman called to praise the officer's actions. According to the caller, his wife had been stranded on the road with a flat tire. It was around 11 p.m., and when Officer Smith stopped, he clearly identified himself as an officer with his badge so the woman would be comfortable with his offer to help. Officer Smith changed the flat tire and by the time the husband of the woman arrived, Officer Smith's hands were dirty from working on the car. The caller (the woman's husband) was very concerned that the officer did not get in trouble for reporting late to work. He was extremely grateful not only for the assistance given his wife, but also for the courtesy and professionalism shown by the officer. The caller said he had always heard "such bad things about correctional officers in general" but that this incident had changed his mind about them completely.

Promoted

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promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Internal Affairs. He left the Department for 10 years but returned in 1996 as an officer at Green River Correctional Complex and quickly began his move up the promotional ladder. In 2001 Prestigiacomio transferred to Luther Luckett as a Sergeant and a later was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to Internal Affairs. In 2004 he was promoted to Administrative Specialist III at KSR and assumed the duties of Accreditation Manager, Public Information Officer and Litigation Coordinator.

In 2005 Prestigiacomio was given the duty of coordinating the smoking cessation program and as a result the Reformatory became the first tobacco-free prison in the state. In June 2006 he was promoted again, this time to the position of Unit Administrator at KSR.

Prestigiacomio is a 2004 Achievement Award recipient for DOC. He is a member of the American Correctional Association (ACA), Correctional Accreditation Managers Association (CAMA), KCCD (Kentucky Council on Crime & Delinquency - President-Elect Louisville Chapter & recently elected to the Board of Directors), and the Correctional Peace Officers Foundation.

Cassandra "Sandy" Davis was promoted to District 18 Supervisor in late Octo-

ber. This is the southwest office of Jefferson County.

Davis started her career with the state Revenue Cabinet. In 1988 she joined the Justice Cabinet when she became a legal secretary with the Parole Board. In 1990 she transferred to the Division of Probation & Parole, working in Louisville as a secretary, and began pursuing a degree in Justice Administration at U of L.

After graduating she became a P&P officer in Louisville. She has been recognized for her work as an officer with awards in 2003 and 2007.

A native of Jefferson County, Davis resides there with her seven-year-old daughter Erin.

John Holloway was promoted to Deputy Warden of the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex in mid October.

Holloway began his career as a deputy jailer in Rowan County in 1989. He came to work for the Department of Corrections later that same year as one of the first Correctional Officers hired at EKCC and was promoted to sergeant a year later.

He quickly moved up the ranks and was promoted to Senior Captain in October 2002, and in that role supervised 276 uniform security staff on three shifts.

Holloway is a member of EKCC's Corrections Emergency Response Team (CERT) and for two years served as the squad commander. He is one of the

prison's Firearms Instructor and he also served as interim deputy warden for security at EKCC from 2003 to 2005 and as a state monitor at the private prisons.

Holloway is a native of West Liberty. He and his wife Lisa have two children, Megan, and John Luke.

Harley Allen was promoted to District 4 P&P Supervisor in mid November. The district oversees all presentence investigations for Jefferson County.

Allen began his career in Corrections in 1992 as an Officer at Roederer. In 1993, he was promoted to a Classification and Treatment Officer position at KSR. While at KSR he received numerous promotions. Before leaving the Reformatory, Allen was Internal Affairs Supervisor in charge of internal investigations. He also performed the duties of accreditation manager, litigation coordinator and public information officer. He was awarded the 2000 KSR Supervisor of the Year award.

In 2003, Allen moved to the Division of Probation & Parole, as an Officer in the Shepherdsville P&P Office. He was later assigned as the accreditation coordinator for the 5th District. In 2006, he transferred to the 5th District office in Elizabethtown where he was assigned as the District's first sex offender supervision officer. In 2007, he was awarded the Probation and Parole 5th District

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Davis



Holloway



Allen



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Probation and Parole Support Helps Keep Roadblock Strong

By Bill Glass

Assistant Supervisor

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Probation & Parole personnel from District 4 raised over \$13,000 in five short days earlier this year for a very worthy cause, Crusade for Children.

The volunteers participated in what has become an annual event for them, the Crusade's roadblock at Bardstown Road and Watterson Trail. P&P personnel team up with founders of the roadblock, Kevin and Bill Adams.

The father and son team originally started collecting money for the Crusade on their own about 25 or 30 years ago with a local fire department in Louisville where Kevin was an "honorary" fireman.

They have been affiliated with the Buechel Fire Department in Louisville for approximately 10 years. Kevin has been a victim of Cerebral Palsy all his life which requires him to utilize

a wheel chair.

His range of motion is extremely limited, as are his capabilities, so much so that he cannot feed or care for himself. He has a strong will and surprising work ethic and even helps his father cut their half acre yard.

All these years he has utilized volunteers of our neighborhood to manage his roadblock. I have been helping for about 10 years now, a couple of years after I moved in. Three years ago, Kevin and Bill shared with me their concern that involvement was dropping off. That's when I suggested Probation and Parole help.

In 2006 P&P helped for the first time and it made a real difference with coverage.

In 2007 Kevin's mother passed away leaving him and his father to also organize the event. Now that Kevin's father is well into his 70s they considered making 2007 their last year and hoped to make the quarter of a million



Above: Father and son Kevin and Bill Adams, founders of the Crusade for Children's roadblock at Bardstown Road and Watterson Trail have found support from personnel from the District 4 P&P office.

dollar mark for their career.

They made that goal last year after collecting over \$15,000 and fully intended to hang it up for good. Thanks to Probation and Parole, and many other volunteers who asked Kevin and Bill Adams to keep it going, they decided to try it again and raised over \$13,000 more this year.

I don't know when it will end but thanks to the strong will, determination and devotion of Kevin and Bill Adams and so many others

in the community, it should continue for many years.

I get the greatest feeling of hope while working the roadblock when a motorist who I supervised on Probation or Parole donates to the Crusade because they know who I am and what I did to help them turn their life around ...and so many of these I see that donate were not the ones I got along with. You just never know how what we do will affect others.

Caroline Mudd, Former MAC Warden, Named Parole Board Chair

Two other Corrections professionals, Wessels and Combs, named to board



Caroline Mudd

Governor Steve Beshear appointed former Marion Adjustment Center Warden Caroline Mudd to the Parole Board and designated her as chair on July 1.

Mudd, of Lebanon, was working as a correctional consultant. She retired from MAC in March 2006.

Two other recent parole board appointments are Corrections professionals.

Marc A. Wessels, of Louisville, was also appointed on July 1, and at the time of his appointment was the prison chaplain



Dr. Mark Wessels

for the Luther Luckett Correctional Complex. As chaplain, Wessels created the "Cathedral Program" which encourages rehabilitation through education in the state's prisons.

Former Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Hazel Combs was appointed to the parole board on Aug. 22. Combs retired from the Department in 2004.



Hazel Combs



NMGTF Conference



Above: Color Guard photo for the conference was a joint effort from LMPD squad and Roederer Correctional Complex. At top right: James Buckner, BOP, presented a session titled "Gangs 101." Bottom right: Shelbyville PD Detective Mike Nunez gave a demonstration for Lt. Paul Smith (RCC), Jeff Rice (CRTC Instructor) and Wes Dawson, IAO at KCIW.

The National Major Gang Task Force Conference, hosted by the Kentucky Department of Corrections, was a huge success. The conference attendees had the opportunity to attend training from all aspects of Security Threat Groups such as tattoo identification to school concepts and mannerisms. Conference attendees, such as various state intelligence officers and investigators, were able to share information to combat Security Threat Groups and terrorism which affects our streets, schools, prisons, and jails.



Promotions

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Achievement Award.

Allen completed the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Development Program in April 2007. He is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University earning a bachelor's degree in 1990 and a master's degree in 1997. He is a member of the American Correctional Association (ACA).

A native of Grayson County, he currently resides in Elizabethtown with his wife Cindy and son Jona-

than.

Mark Stonex was promoted to District 3 P&P Supervisor in mid November. District 3, based in Bowling Green, covers Warren, Barren, Monroe, Cumberland, Metcalfe, Adair and Casey counties.

Stonex began his Corrections career at the Warren County Regional Jail in August 1994. In June of 1999 he was hired by the Division of Probation & Parole to Supervise a Warren County Caseload and conduct court investigations for Warren Circuit. In 2001 Stonex assumed responsibility

of the Butler and Edmonson County caseloads and court investigations for those counties. In March of 2005 he was promoted to Assistant Supervisor District 2. He is a 2007 graduate of the Commissioner's Executive Leadership Program and assisted the Department as a statewide trainer for KOMS implementation.

Stonex holds a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University ment District.

A resident of Bowling Green, he and his wife Edie have a five-year-old daughter, Railey.



Fun for All Ages!

The Central Region Training Center's Fall Festival was another great success thanks to the hard work of several volunteers and donations that made it possible. Left: Marcus Stanley (Corrections Training) and wife Karen worked the Sucker Pull being visited by Kara Percle (daughter of CRTC's Wade Percle) and Allen Collins (who was brought to the event by Todd Woodward). Bottom left: Doryssa Porter, daughter of KSR Officer Dorothy Taylor, donned her mother's uniform for the event and stopped for a photo. Bottom Right: Tigger (Alias FCDC Deputy Warden Gary Prestigiacomo) and Kara Percle pose for a photo during the event.



Central Region Training Center's Annual Festival a Success

The Central Region Training Center in LaGrange hosted its second annual Fall Festival and once again, the event was a huge success. Over 100 people attended the inaugural event and this year's festival drew an even larger crowd.

Event organizers estimated 75 children attended for a total attendance of 120. Every part of the festival is free, from food and games to prizes and

good bags. Most is donated by Central Region institutions and Probation and Parole offices. The remaining items were donated through the Central Region Training Center staff canteen fund.

KCCD graciously brought over the items that were unused at the St. Joe's Halloween Party, adding to the food, prizes and candy provided. Volunteers worked the games for the children in-

cluded Corrections Training Staff members and their extended family members, Probation and Parole Officers, and our own Commissioner Thompson working the Basketball Toss!

There were costume contests and a visit from Tigger and Pooh.

CRTC plans to host the event next year and volunteers will begin asking for donations in July in order to ensure the festival's success.

GRCC Hosts a Day of Fall Festivities & Family Fun!



Green River Correctional Complex held its Second Annual "Fall Get-Together" at the Warden and Deputy Wardens' homes on the grounds of the institution in mid October. At left: Who is who?

Never let it be said the GRCC staff don't poke a little fun at each other - (left to right) Deputy Warden Louis Korfhage, Officer Pat McCroy (dressed as Deputy Warden Korfhage), Deputy Warden Ron Beck (dressed as Captain Morris) and Captain Liggett Morris (dressed as Deputy Warden Beck). Bottom left: is AmberLynn Douglas, daughter of Adm Secretary Amy Douglas. AmberLynn won the contest for guessing how many candy corns were in the jar!

Below: the Prize-fight winner is Ean Hardison, grandson of UA II Rickie Williams. He is being held by Williams' wife, Beverly. About 200 staff and their families attended the event.



Hotline

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seven days a week and the "Resource Specialists" are trained by Kevin Pangburn, Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Programs, and Sheila Rucker, Program Administrator with the RCC Thera-

peutic Community.

"It is rare that such a low maintenance, cost effective, labor friendly program is available to inmates and yet offers such a broad range of information to such a wide array of individuals," said Pangburn.

"The cards handed out to each inmate in Kentucky

upon release, has been utilized by literally thousands of former offenders and many times passed on to family and friends, thereby casting a broader net for folks to access services. Everyone is proud of their contribution to the success of this program."

At least two other states

Re-Entry Hotline:

877-466-2834

have contacted Kentucky DOC officials and expressed an interest in learning more about the Re-entry Hotline in order to possibly replicate the effort.